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ATTENDANCE

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Despite several inquiries (the most recent on July 31), the MFA and Presidency have not been able to provide the likely composition of France's 2006 UNGA delegation. An MFA contact said on July 31 that the issue would not likely be decided before mid-August, at the earliest. Past practice would suggest attendance by President Chirac in addition to FM Douste-Blazy. (In September 2005, PM de Villepin was named as a replacement for President Chirac shortly before the UNGA as a result of the latter's hospitalization.) We will report this year's high-level GOF attendees as soon as that information is made available to us.

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